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AND WEOG MEETING

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: COMMITTEE ELECTED BY CONSENSUS TWO OF
THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND RAPPOREUR. AMB. BLACKMAN (BARBADOS)
AND AMB. HOLLAI (HUNGARY) WERE ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMEN FROM
THE LA AND EE GROUPS, RESPECTIVELY. MR. KATEKA (TANZANIA)
WAS ELECTED RAPPOREUR. REMAINING VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP TO
WEOS, REMAINS UNFILLED. CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA, WITH CONCURRENCE
OF COMMITTEE, SCHEDULED NEXT TWO MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 21 AT FIRST OF WHICH HE HOPED OPEN VICE-
CHAIRMANSHIP COULD BE QUICKLY FILLED. IN THE MEANTIME,
HOVEYDA INVITED OTHER MEMBERS OF BUREAU PLUS A WEOG REPRE-
SENTATIVE TO BEGIN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON METHOD OF WORK.
SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE PERSSON READILY AGREED TO REPRESENT
WEOG WHICH WILL DISCUSS WITH HIM ON MORNING MARCH 18 OUTCOME
OF CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MARCH 17 MEETING, COMMITTEE, WITH CHAIRMAN
HOVEYDA (IRAN) PRESIDING, ELECTED BY CONSENSUS TWO
VICE-CHAIRMEN AND THE RAPPOREUR. AMB. BLACKMAN
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(BARBADOS) AND AMB. HOLLAI (HUNGARY) WERE ELECTED
VICE-CHAIRMEN. MR. KATEKA (TANZANIA) WAS ELECTED
RAPPOREUR. ONLY UNFILLED POSITION ON BUREAU IS
WEOG VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP.

3. AFTER ELECTIONS, CHAIRMAN (HOVEYDA) SUGGESTED
THAT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU AND A PERSON

DESIGNATED BY THE WEOS MEET AFTER COMMITTEE ADJOURNED IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE METHOD OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN THEN POSTPONED MARCH 18 MEETING TO AM MARCH 21 SO THAT FINAL VICE-CHAIRMAN COULD BE DETERMINED AND SO THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS METHOD OF WORK. HE EXPRESSED HOPE COMMITTEE COULD BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON MONDAY, MARCH 21. COMMITTEE ADJOURNED UNTIL AM MARCH 21.

4. WEO GROUP DESIGNATED PERSSON (SWEDEN) TO REPRESENT WEOS IN BUREAU DISCUSSION ON METHOD OF WORK. (COMMENT: IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT PERSSON WILL BE WEO CANDIDATE FOR REMAINING VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP. CANADA HAS INFORMED WEO GROUP THAT IT IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE POSITION; AUSTRIA HAS ALSO DECLINED. SWEDEN INFORMED GROUP THAT IT HAD ASKED STOCKHOLM TO RECONSIDER PREVIOUS POSITION THAT SWEDEN NOT ACCEPT VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP. SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT STOCKHOLM HAD REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE "VERY RELUCTANT" TO ACCEPT THE POST. HOWEVER, WILLINGNESS OF SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE (PERSSON) TO ACCEPT INTERIM DESIGNATION AS SPOKESMAN FOR WEO GROUP, OBVIOUS INTEREST OF PERSSON IN THE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP, UNAVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES, AND FACT THAT STOCKHOLM DID NOT APPARENTLY CATEGORICALLY REJECT THE IDEA OF ACCEPTING POST, INDICATE TO US THAT IT IS REASONABLY LIKELY THAT SWEDEN WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING

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VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP ON MARCH 21. END COMMENT.

5. WEO GROUP WILL MEET IN AM MARCH 18 TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIONS OF BUREAU PLUS PERSSON ON METHOD OF WORK.

6. WEO GROUP MEETING ALSO WAS HELD IN AM MARCH 17 TO DISCUSS BUREAU CANDIDACIES AND METHOD OF WORK. ONLY US, UK, FRANCE, SWEDEN AND TURKEY ATTENDED AND DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE. GROUP AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT MAJOR GOAL OF WEOS AT THIS COMMITTEE WAS TO AVOID A METHOD OF WORK THAT MIGHT ENDANGER WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES. TURKEY, FRANCE, AND US FELT THIS COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SPENDING MOST OF COMMITTEE TIME IN GENERAL DEBATE. FRANCE THOUGHT THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS METHOD OF WORK UNTIL AFTER GENERAL DEBATE. SWEDEN AND UK SAID THAT IF OTHERS RAISE ISSUE OF BREAKING INTO SUBCOMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC TOPICS, THEN

THEY WOULD SUPPORT DIVISION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED
BY SWEDEN (REFTEL).
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